

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments. Claims 19-34 remain pending in the case. Claims 19-34 are rejected.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 19-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Number 6,600,902 by Bell, hereinafter referred to as the "Bell" reference, in view of United States Patent Number 6,484,027 by Mauney, hereinafter referred to as the "Mauney" reference. Applicants have reviewed the cited reference and respectfully submit that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 19-34 are not unpatentable over Bell in view of Mauney for the following rationale.

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to independent Claim 19 that recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to (emphasis added):

An automated telephone dialing system, comprising:
a telephone having a wireless port for short range wireless data transfer; and
a personal information device having a wireless port for communication with the wireless port of the telephone, the personal information device configured to control the telephone via a wireless communication such that the telephone dials a telephone number stored on the personal information device.

Independent Claim 27 recites similar limitations. Claims 20-26 that depend from independent Claim 19 and Claims 28-34 that depend on independent Claim 27 provide further recitations of the features of the present invention.

Claim 19 recites a system that comprises at least two devices: a telephone and a personal information device. Claim 19 recites that the personal information device is able to control the telephone, thus causing the telephone to dial a telephone number that is stored on the personal information device. Applicants respectfully assert that the neither Bell nor Mauney teach or suggest the limitations of Claim 19, alone or in combination.

Applicants understand Bell to teach a wireless system that allows information to be transferred from one device to another. With reference to Figure 1 of Bell, a system comprising multiple wireless stations that can communicate with one another is illustrated. However, Figure 1 of Bell fails to teach or suggest that any of the wireless stations are able to control any of the other wireless stations. In particular, Bell does not teach, describe or suggest that a first wireless station is configured to control a second wireless station, causing the second wireless station to dial a telephone number stored on the first wireless station, as claimed by Applicants.

Moreover, with reference to Figure 2 of Bell, a functional block diagram of a single one of the wireless devices is illustrated (col. 4, line 42 through col. 5,

line 9). The single wireless device may have various transceivers 20, 21, 22 and a phone book 25A in RAM 25. However, Applicants do not understand Figure 2 or the associated text (col. 4, line 42 through col. 5 line 9) to teach or suggest a first device being configured to control a second device such that it causes a second device to dial a telephone number stored on the first device.

Applicants understand Bell to describe a system for transmitting data in the form of a "virtual business card" or "virtual calendar information" between wireless devices (col. 5, lines 17-21). Applicants note that Bell is silent as to transferring a telephone number between the devices. Moreover, Applicants note that the telephone book 25A is located in RAM 25, whereas Bell indicates that the application 27 that is transferred is located in ROM 26. While Bell may teach the transmission of data between devices, Applicants respectfully assert that Bell does not teach, describe or suggest that the data transmitted from one device controls the operation of the receiving device in any way.

In contrast, Applicants have claimed more than transference of information between one device and another. Applicants have claimed that a first device is configured to control a second device to dial a telephone number stored on the first device. Bell fails to teach or suggest the limitation Applicants have underscored above in Claims 19 and 27.

As described above, Applicants understand Bell to teach that data may be virtual business cards, virtual calendars, and virtual notes are transferred from one device to another (col. 3, lines 29-32). In particular, Applicants respectfully assert that the transmitted data objects do not direct the receiving device to perform any function, such as dialing a telephone number.

As described in accordance with Figure 3 of Bell, users of both the first wireless station and the second wireless station must authenticate the data by entering a PIN (col. 5, line 65 through col. 6, line 35). Specifically, in order to receive the data object, a user of the second (receiving) wireless station must take action. The first wireless station is not able to control the second wireless station to receive the data object, a user of the second wireless station must authenticate the data object. Accordingly, by teaching that the first wireless station requires a user of the second wireless station to receive the data object, Bell teaches away from a configuration where the first wireless station controls a second wireless station.

For the foregoing reasons, Bell fails to teach or suggest the claimed limitation of “the personal information device configured to control the telephone via a wireless communication such that the telephone dials a telephone number stored on the personal information device” (emphasis added).

Moreover, the combination of Bell and Mauney fails to teach or suggest the claimed embodiments because Mauney does not overcome the shortcomings of Bell. Applicants understand Mauney to teach a wireless handsets capable of direct handset-to-handset communication. Mauney, alone or in combination with Bell, does not show or suggest the present invention as claimed. In particular, Mauney does not teach, describe or suggest the claimed limitation of “the personal information device configured to control the telephone via a wireless communication such that the telephone dials a telephone number stored on the personal information device” (emphasis added).

Applicants understand Mauney to teach wireless handsets that are able to memorize each other's speed dial lists and find lists (col. 16, lines 6-36). However, Applicants respectfully submit that nowhere does Mauney teach, describe or suggest that a first wireless handset can control a second wireless handset to dial a telephone number stored on the first wireless handset. Specifically, Applicants do not understand Mauney to provide any teaching or suggestion as to a first device being configured to control a second device, such that second device dials a telephone number stored on the first device.

Applicants respectfully assert that nowhere does the combination of Bell and Mauney teach, disclose or suggest the claimed embodiments of the present invention as recited in independent Claims 19 and 27, that these claims overcome

the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and are thus in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Bell and Mauney also does not teach, disclose or suggest the additional claimed features of the present invention as recited in Claims 20-26 that are dependent on allowable base Claim 19 and Claims 28-34 that are dependent on allowable base Claim 27. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 20-26 and 28-34 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

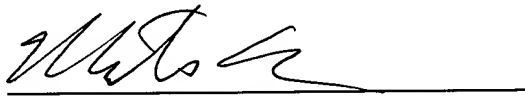
In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Based on the arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 19-34 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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